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Applicant:

Petr Husek

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SORBENT CARTRIDGE FOR

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Response To Restriction Requirement

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir/Madam:

The following is responsive to the restriction requirement mailed October 2, 2001.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please delete Claims 15-32.

Please add the following claims:

33. (New) A sorbent cartridge for use in preparing samples for chemical analysis, comprising:

a hollow tip having an opening in a distal end;

means in the tip for retaining a porous barrier at a predetermined location to define a sorbent volume between the barrier and the opening the hollow tip; and

a sorbent material retained in the sorbent volume by the porous barrier for use in the chemical analysis, the barrier allowing passage of fluids but not the sorbent material,